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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

ABE ET AL.

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Title: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING GLASS BASE MATERIAL, GLASS BASE MATERIAL, AND
OPTICAL FIBER

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the official communication dated May 8, 2003, wherein the pending claims were subject to a restriction requirement. In response, the applicants elect without traverse, Group I, claims 1-9, directed to a method for making a glass base material.

This response is timely filed as the period for response ends June 8, 2003. Therefore, the applicants believe that no fee is due for consideration of this election.

Respectfully submitted,

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